

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 3 without prejudice or disclaimer of its underlying subject matter.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (currently amended) A pneumatic tire having a sidewall surface with serrated portions, each of the serrated portions being formed by aligning numerous serrated concavo-convex stripes thereon, the serrated portions being spirally arranged along a circumferential direction of the tire,

wherein the concavo-convex stripes are formed by formation of concave grooves on the sidewall surface, the concave grooves having a depth of 0.3 to 2.0 mm, and an interval between adjacent serrated portions being set 5 mm or more when measured along a radial direction of the tire, and

wherein a protection protrusion projecting from the sidewall surface is provided along a periphery of each of the serrated portions.

2. (original) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the serrated portions occupy 30 to 70% of an area of the sidewall surface between a rim check line and a tread design end of the tire.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A pneumatic tire according to ~~claim 3~~ claim 1, wherein the height of the protection protrusion is set in a range from 0.3 to 3.0 mm.

5. (original) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein an alignment pitch of the concavo-convex stripes is set in a range from 1.0 to 5.0 mm.

6. (original) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the concave grooves have a triangular shape in cross-section.

7. (original) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the concave grooves have a trapezoidal shape in cross-section.

8. (currently amended) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the serrated portions have a substantially triangular shape with a width thereof gradually narrowing from a radially outer side of the tire toward a radially inner side thereof.

9. (original) A pneumatic tire according to claim 8, wherein at least one serrated portion of the serrated portions has an inner end formed as a rotational direction display portion which has a cuneal arrow shape showing a rotational direction of the tire.

Please add the following new claims.

10. (new) A pneumatic tire having a sidewall surface with serrated portions, each of the serrated portions being formed by aligning numerous serrated concavo-convex stripes thereon, the serrated portions being spirally arranged along a circumferential direction of the tire,

wherein the concavo-convex stripes are formed by formation of concave grooves on the sidewall surface, the concave grooves having a depth of 0.3 to 2.0 mm, and an interval between adjacent serrated portions being set 5 mm or more when measured along a radial direction of the tire, and

wherein the serrated portions have a substantially triangular shape with a width thereof gradually narrowing from a radially outer side of the tire toward a radially inner side thereof.

11. (new) A pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein the serrated portions occupy 30 to 70% of an area of the sidewall surface between a rim check line and a tread design end of the tire.

12. (new) A pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein an alignment pitch of the concavo-convex stripes is set in a range from 1.0 to 5.0 mm.

13. (new) A pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein the concave grooves have a triangular shape in cross-section.

14. (new) A pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein the concave grooves have a trapezoidal shape in cross-section.

15. (new) A pneumatic tire according to claim 10, wherein at least one serrated portion of the serrated portions has an inner end formed as a rotational direction display portion which has a cuneal arrow shape showing a rotational direction of the tire.